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DIAGNOSIS OF EQUIPMENT FAILURES USING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH OF CASE BASED REASONING AND RELIABILITY ANALYSIS

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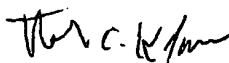
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